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COLO SI-1(Chicago Region SI-1502)(FFA)(KFA) Richard Lauchli, Collinsville, Illinois.

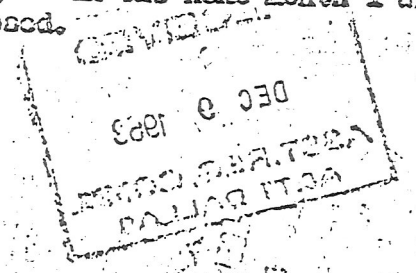
As requested in memoranda from the Chicago Region an effort has been made to re-establish undercover contact with the Minutemen and with Richard Lauchli. Correspondence had been directed to Lauchli and to the Minutemen under fictitious name and by a reliable informant using his own name.

A letter written to Lauchli under the fictitious name on November 7, 1963, requesting information as to securing automatic weapons and parts therefore produced only a typewritten message on the bottom of the letter to the effect that he could not help with the items mentioned. A letter by the informant has failed to receive a reply.

In a conversation with Special Investigator Piper of Omaha recently, I learned that he had been in Illinois working on this Chicago SI and that the investigation had faltered due to the fact that Lauchli had "made" a tail on him there.

I do not feel that the type of correspondence being attempted from here can be expected to produce any appreciable results. That a long range undercover attempt expending considerable time and some money for dues and possible purchase of some non-firearm military items might result in being in a position to purchase automatic weapons. However conversations with Chicago Region Special Investigators Doyle and Piper indicate to me that nothing this lengthy or time consuming was desired at this time.

I will do nothing further on this investigation at this time, if there is no further investigation requested by the Chicago Region in the next month I will recommend that this SI be Closed.



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